

NY 847  
ARMED DIVISION  
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TO: Colonel W. K. Glavin  
via Lt. Col. Moore

FROM: Lt. A. S. Jollis

SUBJ-OF: Moscow Agent

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It is proposed to dispatch an agent, recruited by the Labor Division in Paris, and described in further detail below, to Berlin for the purpose of obtaining intelligence, also described below.

1. Agent. Agent's name is YOUNG (M. BERNARD), age 21, of White Russian parentage, born in Germany but educated in France. He was employed from the summer of 1943 to February, 1944 at the Swiss legation in Berlin in the department handling American affairs. He returned to Paris in February, 1944 and failed to report to the Deutschen Vermittlungsstelle for compulsory labor. He was arrested on June 12, 1944, imprisoned at Papeigne and from there was escorted back to Germany where he was held for several days in a concentration camp for foreigners (Verwaltungsbzirk Koepenick). He was released from this camp and obtained a job with the "Deutsche Verlag" (formerly the publishing house of Ullstein). On the 9th of September, 1944, he quit his job legally in the normal fashion and decided to make his escape through the lines in order to volunteer for service with the French Army.

On arrival in Paris he was contacted by CGS, through members of the Labor Division, and due to his recent presence in Germany was able to furnish a great deal of very valuable information on travelling conditions, daily life, new regulations and restrictions, etc. Specifically he has furnished:

- a. Information which led directly to the arrest of a Gestapo agent in Paris. This was accomplished in conjunction with X-2.
- b. A report on the counter-espionage movement organized by Collaboracionist French officers among French workers in Germany.
- c. A report on the dispatch of Milicien and Dordicistes into France by the Reichsbotschaft giving the names of the responsible organizers.

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The Labde Division has remained in close contact with Youri since his arrival in Paris and he has proven a continued and valuable source of references for information on Germany. Due to the connection thus established, Youri decided to abandon his original intention of volunteering for the French Army, preferring to work with the Americans. During this period it has been possible for us to get to know him fairly intimately. He is an extremely intelligent and observant young man, resourceful and "debonair". Due to his French and Russian background, he has no love for the Germans and has demonstrated convincingly a sincere desire for the victory of the Allies. The security problem is dealt with below.

Youri has volunteered to return to Berlin on an intelligence mission for the U.S. Government. He has all the necessary German identity papers to permit him to circulate without difficulty. His mother is at present living in Berlin and he can return to her and resume his normal legal life exactly as he left it in September. The circles in which he moves are mostly French and white Russian, with many Austrian, German, Hungarian and Bulgarian friends. It is a circle of young persons all of whom have regular occupations in Berlin, many of whom are employed as specialists in vital war plants in the Berlin area, but who maintain fairly close social contacts in their leisure hours. They lead a "social" life, spend money and "get around" in spite of present Berlin conditions. Apparently politics are never discussed; although the war is a constant topic of conversation. Most of these people are fence sitters. They all want the war to end, are hoping for an early arrival of the Allies in Berlin and hope that the Americans will be there before the Russians. Youri moves in these circles as a friend and an equal. There is a certain conspiratorial unity which binds them together in an atmosphere of mutual confidence. This is due to the fact that practically all of them are engaged in some form of black market operations. They spend money freely, and are able to make it again by such means. The ramifications of such contacts are of great potential value as a source of intelligence. Youri is aware of this and is confident of being able to exploit the situation.

#### 2. Intelligence Objectives

A. Penetration of the Sicherheitsdienst. Youri is closely acquainted with a highly placed official of the SD in Berlin. This person is a Georgian who served the Nazis out of his opposition to the Stalin regime. His position is now extremely delicate. He dreads the arrival of the Russian troops, and will undoubtedly grab at any opportunity of being able to show that he helped the Allies. Furthermore, this man's wife is at present in Paris. She has been arrested once by the French police and subsequently released. She is now at liberty but under surveillance, with her wife in Paris and the American armies.

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approaching from the front, sufficient pressure could be put on this man to place him entirely in our hands. Youri is confident that he can exploit the situation to the limit and obtain the following types of information:

1. Personalities, plans and structure of the SD.
  2. Plans of the Nazi party for continued resistance to the allied occupation of Germany.
  3. Political, diplomatic and "personality" intelligence of a more general nature, which would normally come to the knowledge of a highly placed SD official.
4. Through social and commercial contacts information can be gathered on air targets, industrial and technological developments.

5. The establishment of safe addresses and a letter-box. In this connection Youri has stated that he can provide a safe address of his own for further agents. He could accommodate up to three at a time; if necessary being able to place two of them with friends in complete security. He is in possession of his address, telephone number and explicit details as to how contacts can be arranged. We have discussed with him at length the type of personnel whom he would be able to receive without embarrassment. We have agreed upon a password and a counter-password. Youri will be able to take in such agents, hide them if necessary, or alternatively permit them to live openly for limited periods. He can also provide them with food obtained on the black market.

### 3. Finances

This falls under two headings. Remuneration for the agent and operational expenses.

A. Agent remuneration. Youri wishes any salary which may be due him for his services to be deposited for him with an American bank in Paris, payable in dollars or else credited to his account with the OSS payrole also in dollars after the termination of his services. A sum of 7500. monthly has been provisionally agreed upon. This figure is determined by the limitation placed upon agent remuneration by this organization. It is strongly urged, however, that an exception to this rule be made in this instance in view of the hazards of the operation, the potential value of the mission to the United States, and the natural expectations of the agent. It is requested that a salary of 1500. per month be approved.

B. Operational needs. Youri wishes to take no actual currency into Germany for security reasons. He will, however, require funds for the purpose of purchasing information, "buying" individuals and making such use of the black market as may be necessary in order to

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facilitate his operations. It is suggested that he be permitted to buy a number of articles in Paris which he could take with him without arousing suspicion and which because of their integral value would provide him with necessary money. Such articles should preferably be of gold. A gold watch, a gold signet ring, a cigarette case, would not arouse undue suspicion in possession of a well dressed, up-to-date young man. In addition he could be provided with a number of gold Louis d'or which could be inserted into the heels of his shoes. It is recommended that the sum of \$10,000. be allocated for this purpose.

#### 4. Security

A request has been made to the Security Department and X-2 for a check on Youri. This, of necessity, has had to be a negative check. Subject arrived in Paris on September 16, therefore any positive investigation of the references he has given would reveal the interest of the U. S. Government in his case and would prejudice his security. His grandfather and grandmother are at present living in Paris, also an aunt and uncle. In the absence of any positive clearance from the security department, it is requested that approval be granted by the C.C. under existing regulations. On the basis of the close association already established with Youri, as described on page 1, the Labor Division has made a favorable evaluation of his security.

#### 5. Dispatch

In order to reach Berlin Youri must first stop at Strasbourg. When he left Berlin in September to return to Paris he did so with the help of his Russian friend in the SD. At that time Youri did not disclose his intention of remaining in France but simply stated that he wished to attend to some important personal business. His friend at the SD offered to help him in order to get news to and obtain news from his wife in Paris. It should be understood that the White Russian colony in Berlin is drawn by ties of mutual loyalty, and personal favors of this kind are not unnatural. Youri can return to Berlin without any difficulty by reporting to the SD office in Strasbourg (with all his papers in order, of course) and seeing that his friend in Berlin be contacted immediately by phone. His friend will at once grant him every facility. In order to get to Strasbourg Youri must cross the lines somewhere between Nancy and Epinal. He is anxious to pass through the town of St. Die since it is the last border control station on French soil. It is desirable, therefore, that every effort be made to expedite this mission without delay lest St. Die be captured before dispatch can be arranged.

6. Communications. It is intended that Mission Ruppert be coordinated with the overall Faust plan for penetration of Germany. Youri agents will avail themselves of the safe address in Berlin. They will likewise avail themselves of the letter-box facilities. Information elicited by Youri will fall into three classes, the

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most urgent will be sent out by a w/t, if and when such facilities are available; long messages or reports of a strategic, but not urgent nature, may be sent via courier or further letter-box contacts to be established. The information of a counter-intelligence nature may be held by the agent for communication after he is over-run.

Specifically, the Marthe project, already approved, contemplates the dispatch of a team, including w/t., to Berlin. This w/t will be available for Ruppert. The Marthe team is already documented and clothed and is ready to be dispatched from London as soon as the safe address to be provided by Ruppert is obtained.

Approval of this project is requested.

A. E. J.

1st Indorsement

HQ & HQ DETACHMENT, OSS, ETO., Fwd., 16 October 1944  
TO: Colonel David K. Bruce, Commanding Officer, HQ. & HQ. Det.

1. Recommend approval of this project including:
  - a) That the remuneration in this special case be increased to \$500. per month, this not to create a precedent.
  - b) That a sum of \$10,000. be approved for operational needs.

(s) Charles F. Neave

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APPROVED:

(s) DKE Bruce  
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